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WELCOME TO ADELAIDE CITY JUVENTUS

On behalf of Preston Makedonia we the officials, supporters and players, would like to welcome Adelaide Juventus to Olympic Park and wish them success for the rest of the season.

Adelaide City as usual started the season very slowly, losing several of their opening games, however, since then Juventus has picked up their form and is now fighting for a position in the top five.

Makedonia also started off the season with two losses however since then the red and blacks have achieved a string of good results and are currently well placed to give the championship a good shake.

TODAY'S LIKELY LINE UP

MAKEDONIA

P. Traianedes
G. Jolevski
B. Piculovski
S. Jackson
I. Roodhouse
Z. Tasevski
G. Petrov
I. Tasevski
J. Markovski
R. Markovac
S. Smith
W. Spink
R. Runje
V. Soklevski
G. Slifkas
A. Zinni
M. Brian

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R. Zabica
D. Clakson
N. Flounders
M. Ivanovich
G. Latham
S. Maxwell
S. Melta
D. Mower
J. Mullen
G. Naven
A. Santrac
D. Sharp
P. Shillabeer
A. Tobin
T. Vidmar
A. Vidmar
C. Villani

Coach: *Z. Matic*

Somewhere in the middle is Markovski, Runje and Jackson showing their delight as Slifkas is about to join them, after Markovski scores the winning goal against George Cross.

FIRST WIN AFTER FOUR DRAWS

PRESTON Makedonia's 1-0 victory over Sunshine George Cross at Olympic Park last Sunday could mark the turning point for the team this year, according to coach Andon Doncevski.

Elated by the victory, he said after the game that he now believed with a string of solid results under their belt, his team had shown the fans that they were a genuine Top Five contender.

"We have been under a lot of pressure this season," he said. "The victory was very important for us. Now the players will be able to relax and play to the best of their ability."

The result consolidated Makedonia's grip on second place on the ladder, behind the all-conquering Marconi team.

But George Cross were no easy target for Makedonia. In fact, the game could have gone either way until John Markovski scored the winning goal in the 76th minute.

He took advantage of a lapse in concentration as defender Steve Jackson floated a free-kick from straight in front of the goal into the penalty area.

It seemed like as easy ball for Sunshine 'keeper Sean Keogh, but Markovski raced in to nod the ball over the keeper and notch up a fine opportunist goal against his old club.

Both teams were missing key players. Makedonia lined up without Steve Smith, Zoran Tasevski and Ilija Tasevski; George Cross fronted without Shaun Parton and midfielder Les Carter.

Sunshine George Cross's new striker from New Zealand, Brian Roberts, played his first full league game for the club, partnering Paul Lewis up front.

Roberts could have put the visitors into an early lead just after half-time, but his shot from a Lewis header sprayed wide.

In the end, though, Makedonia took control with substitute George Slifkas desperately unlucky seven minutes from time. He shook off all challenges as he broke through the middle and struck a shot past Keogh but it ricocheted off the left-hand post.

Sunshine George Cross coach John Gardiner was disappointed with the result which highlighted his team's continuing problem.

"We created enough chances today," he said, "but again we failed to put them in the back of the net."

PRESTON MAKEDONIA: Trainedes, Roodhouse, Jolevski, Jackson, Piculovski, Petrov, Zinni, Runje, Spink, Markovski, Markovac (Slifkas 58th).

SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS: Keogh, Alevisos, Taylor (Hasler 80th), Ketsakidis, Waddell, Kotzamichalis, Lewis, Marth, Faulkner, Roberts, Latif.

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PLAYER'S PROFILE

NAME: Steven John Jackson
DATE OF BIRTH: 2nd August, 1964
MARITAL STATUS: Engaged to Julie
CAR: Cortina
PREVIOUS CLUB: Brisbane Lions
OCCUPATION: Labourer
SCHOOL: Ipswich Grammar School
FAVOURITE MUSIC: I like most music
FAVOURITE FOOD & DRINK: Seafood and Iced Coffee
BEST COUNTRY VISITED: New Zealand
FAVOURITE ACTOR: Tom Hanks
BIGGEST INFLUENCES ON SOCCER CAREER: My parents and Ian Kesson, former youth team coach at Brisbane Lions
PERSONAL AMBITIONS: Enjoy life to the fullest
WHAT DON'T YOU LIKE ABOUT SOCCER: Crude tackling. Poor refereeing.
REPRESENTATIVE HONOURS: Qld. – Rep Teams, Vic. – Squad, Aust. Indoor Squad
PLAYER THAT HAS IMPRESSED YOU THE MOST THIS SEASON: There's been more than one.
BEST ADVICE RECEIVED: Always play to the referee's whistle.
WORST EVER INJURY: Hamstring out for 3 weeks
FAVOURITE AUSTRALIAN PLAYERS: Warren Spink, George Jolevski and Alan Niven
FAVOURITE OVERSEAS PLAYERS: Bryan Robson, Romareo
FAVOURITE AUSTRALIAN TEAMS: Makedonia, Brisbane Lions
FAVOURITE OVERSEAS TEAMS: Manchester United
BEST GOAL SCORED: Preston Makedonia vs South Melbourne 87, it was my first goal for Makedonia.
BEST GOAL EVER SEEN: The one mentioned above.
MOST MEMORABLE MATCH: Makedonia vs Juventus '88. We all know who won that match.
OWN MAGIC MOMENT IN SOCCER: Being part of the first Qld. youth team to ever win an Australian Championship.
BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Brisbane Lions being relegated by that stupid points system organised in the '86 season.
FAVOURITE OTHER SPORTS: Rugby League, Cricket

23rd April, 1989

U11 A	Lalor vs Preston Makedonia	1-0
U11 B	Preston Makedonia vs Sunshine Park	0-9
U12	Essendon City vs Preston Makedonia	1-3
U13 A	Preston Makedonia vs Springvally City	0-1
U13 B	Sunbury vs Preston Makedonia	1-6
U14	Preston Makedonia vs North Geelong	2-0
U15	Preston Makedonia vs St. Albans	3-1
U16	Altona Gate vs Preston Makedonia	4-1

30th April, 1989

U11 A	Preston Makedonia vs Fawkner	0-4
U11 B	Keon Park vs Preston Makedonia	2-1
U12	Preston Makedonia vs Lalor	0-3
U13 A	Mitcham vs Preston Makedonia	1-2
U13 B	Preston Makedonia vs Broadmeadows	6-0
U14	Springvale City vs Preston Makedonia	2-0
U15	Melbourne Croatia vs Preston Makedonia	2-1
U16	Thomastown vs Preston Makedonia	0-4

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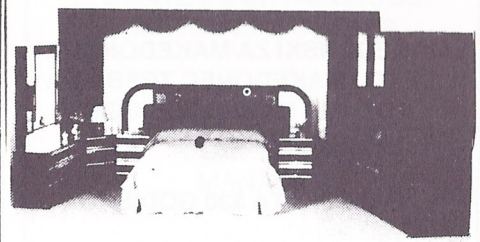

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Eddie Thompson, the Sydney Olympic coach after the match was not very complimentary of Donchevski's men and some stinging attacking words were directed at Preston Makedonia Soccer Club. Makedonia will be out to prove that the draw in Sydney was not a true reflection of their capabilities and one thing is for certain, a motivationalist will not be required to lift the spirit of the boys as the memory of the game and Eddie Thompson's comments should be motivation for the boys to prove a point or two.

Remember Sunday 21st May, be at Olympic Park and support Makedonia in our quest for the Championship. You wont see this match on television as Makedonia is not scheduled to be shown for the rest of the year.

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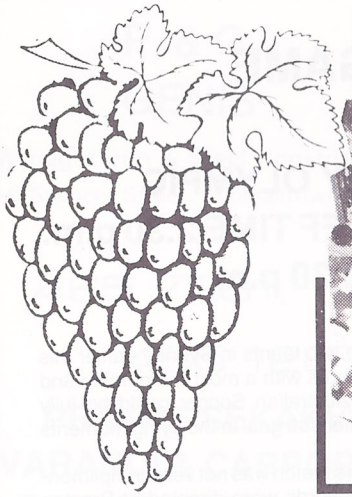

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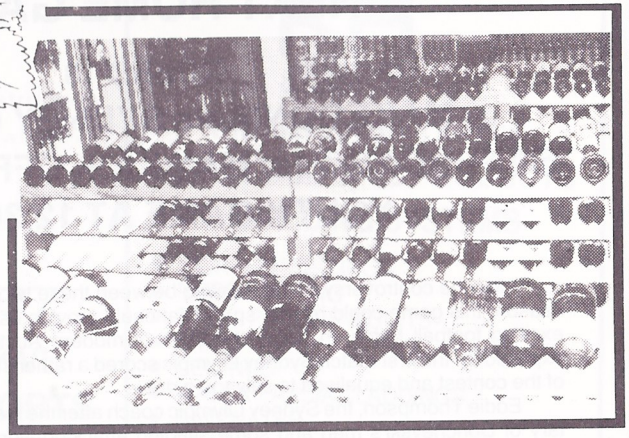

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Super-sub Steve Smith

STEVE Smith made the most of his late inclusion to score two of the goals in Preston Makedonia's 3-2 win over Wollongong City at Brandon Park last Sunday.

Smith was only called into the side after training last Friday night when Socceroo Warren Spink failed to appear.

It was Smith who struck twice in the space of just 10 minutes to give Preston a handy 3-1 half-time lead.

In the opening 45 minutes, Makedonia had four clear scoring chances and scored from three of them.

Smith's goals were perfectly timed, as after Wollongong had levelled at 1-1 they were dominating the game and striker Randell Easthorpe struck the Preston upright with a good drive.

The turning point came with only 20 minutes gone and the score 1-1.

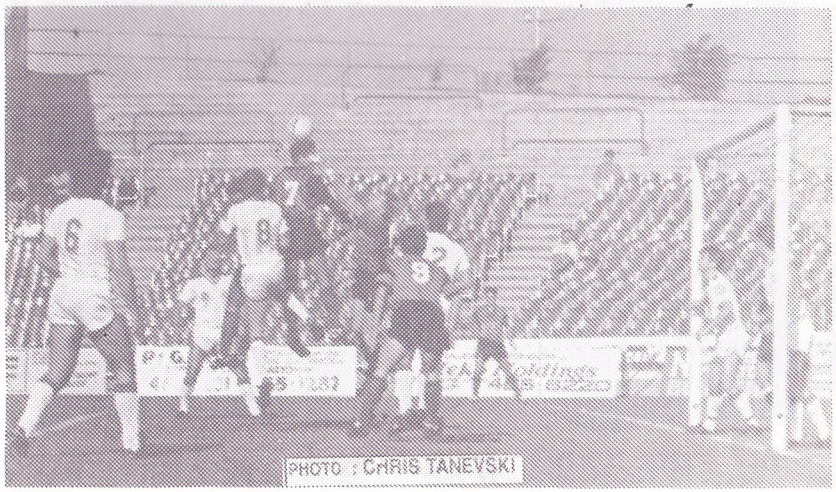
Andrew Zinni carved an opening in the Wolves' defence wide on the right and John Markovski headed it down to the feet of Smith, whose angled 12-metre drive gave goalkeeper Warwick Young no chance.

Just 10 minutes later, from almost the identical spot, Smith again eluded Young with a shot after Robert Markovac headed the ball down to him.

Smith appeared to "walk" the ball between two defenders before putting it away and Wollongong were always struggling from that point.

Zinni opened the Wollongong defence up on the right to provide the cross for Markovski to head home Preston's first goal after seven minutes and Pat Brodnik equalised in the 17th minute.

The game had gone four minutes into injury-time when David Skeen scored the locals' second goal from a free-kick 20 metres out.



Zinni jumps above his taller opponents to set up another opportunity for his teammates vs Sunshine George Cross.

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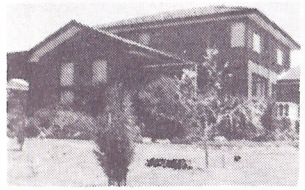

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Doncevski points Preston to a spot with the elite

FROM Andon Doncevski'a point of view going 11 games undefeated means little if you haven't won for three successive games.

And that is the story of Doncevski's Preston Makedonia team as it remains in the race for the minor premiership, perhaps to the surprise of many.

Certainly Blacktown boss Les Scheinflug isn't rating this current Makedonia team too highly.

But neither did many of us way back in the pre-season when we predicted all the newcomers to the team — five in all, who cost the club around $70,000 — would take time to mould into a cohesive unit.

But since a second round defeat at Sunshine's Chaplin Reserve, the Preston lads have come through with flying colours with the only hiccup a string of three successive drawn games.

But the signs are promising.

The last time Preston managed an unbeaten run of that length was back in 1987 — the year it finished league runner-up.

Doncevski, in his first full season as coach, isn't talking premierhips just yet but he is happy with the progress made with his new team.

"Of course, I am concerned that we have only won one of our last four games," he told ASW on the eve of Makedonia's game against Wollongong at Brandon Park.

"But we're going pretty well — six wins, five draws and no losses in 11 games is a good sign, don't you think?

"While we are happy with our progress, it is obvious that we must start a winning streak again, but we will be far better prepared in our next game."

Doncevski trotted out the usual cliches about his side's lack of scoring, lost chances etc.

But his plans for a glut of Makedonia goals include a three-man forward line with one of the best combined pedigrees in the country.

Andrew Zinni, Warren Spink and Steve Smith (depending on injuries) will be the front men in the thrust.

"Spink has been with Frank Arok for around 20 days and it will be good having him back again concentrating on club soccer," says Doncevski.

"I'm not so happy with Smith's form but for him to score goals he needs support from our midfield, which he isn't getting.

"We tried Zinni as a playmaker in midfield but he's a better striker.

"And we really do need that playmaker in midfield to make our forward line click.

"Although Smith is injured at the moment, I believe he is a key man and when he recovers he will come back better than ever."

"While Smith is out we will use Robbie Markovac up front — he will be a handy replacement."

While Doncevski is dissatisfied with his forwards and midfield and is still trying to get his house in order, he is thrilled with his defence, which he rates as the equal of any in the NSL.

He calls Steve Jackson the "leader of his team" and says he and goalkeeper Phil Traianides are the main reasons for Makedonia being in the top five.

"Traianides is in great form and Jackson gives us stability and confidence," he explained.

So what can Preston fans look forward to if and when the team makes the finals in 1989?

Will it be ready to take on the best the NSL has to offer? Doncevski is guarded on both questions.

"We still need a couple of months more together to let us get to know each other," he believes.

"You get five new players from separate teams and it's not possible to get the best from them in this short a time.

"I said they'd need time and they believe they can still get much better so the goal this year is to simply finish in the top five.

"Next year I'm certain they'll play for the championship.

"This season I'll be satisfied if they make the finals.

"But then again, once they get there, who knows what can happen?"

Player exodus a major threat

The feared exodus of Australia's best soccer talent to the more demanding and lucrative European competitions is already taking shape.

Andrew Koczka and Scott Ollernshaw, of St George, are awaiting word from France about trials with top clubs there, and Victoria's next addition to the export trade is likely to be John Markovski, of Preston Makedonia.

Markovski, who has already been earmarked by national coach Frank Arok as an important part of Australia's squad for the 1990 Olympic Games in Barcelona, will soon receive an offer from Glasgow Celtic, one of Europe's biggest clubs.

He is now on a year's contract with Preston and says he would like to try his luck abroad — but only with a top club.

Celtic should easily satisfy that condition and there is little doubt that a year or two of full-time professional soccer would be good for Markovski.

The European scouts who swarmed to Australia's World Cup qualifying games in preparation for next season are ready to pounce, and with Australia not involved in international competition until the Olympics, they will find willing listeners.

Players like Paul Trimboli, of South Melbourne Hellas, who has been the international find of the season, is an obvious target and although he has already adopted a level-headed attitude to the possibility, he could find an offer to extend his soccer education too tempting to refuse.

With Robbie Slater and Graham Arnold, of Sydney Croatia, also high on the European shopping list for the past year, Arok could find his rebuilding plans jeopardised by a conflict of interests.

Joe Mirmovich, the former Israeli coach, admits he is interested in Arnold and Slater in his capacity as an agent for his country's leading clubs and says he is in a position to offer signing-on fees of between $60,000 and $70,000 plus a car.

КРИСТАЛ — МЕТАЛУРГ 2:2 (2:1) — НА ПЕНАЛИ 4:6

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КРИСТАЛ: Тукчиќ, Марјановиќ, Бојковиќ, Стојановиќ, Стоилковиќ, Митов, Чупариќ, Митровиќ, Чоровиќ, Ристиќ, Пауновиќ.

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Неочекувано, но сосема заслужено фудбалерите на Металург освојија драгоцен бод во Заечар. Навистина домашните непријатно ги изненадија своите навивачи. Очекуваната победа изостана, па на крајот гледачите заминаа незадоволни од играта на своите миленици, а скопјани беа наградени со аплаузи за пожртвуваната игра.

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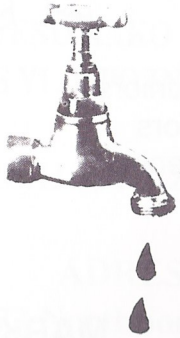

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This is it!

The flickback by Markovski that sealed the two points for the Red and Blacks against Sunshine George Cross.

Teenagers promise Arok Olympic medal in Spain

Preston-Makedonia star John Markovski, on behalf of his teenage contemporaries, has this message for Socceroo coach Frank Arok: Forget the World Cup, we will give you an Olympic medal.

Australian soccer has had no one like Markovski since Branko Buljevic's 15-year reign ended in 1983. He turned 19 only two weeks ago and in his powerful 88-kilogram frame are great deeds waiting to be done.

His most challenging task is to help rid Arok of a torturous mental image. It is of Israel's Eli Ohana breaking clear of Charlie Yankos and scoring the goal that put Australia out of the World Cup. Three years of preparation for the Olympics will dim that image and a medal would erase it.

Because the Olympic tournament will be restricted for the first time to under-23 players, Arok's squad will be based on the team that failed narrowly to qualify for the finals of the 1989 World Youth Championship. It was, in Markovski's view, the best youth team Australia has had.

In its first qualifying series it beat Fiji 4-1, Vanuatu 5-0 and Taiwan 3-0. In practice matches, it beat NSL champion Marconi 2-1 and 1-0, APIA 4-2 and Blacktown 1-0. But in the final qualifying series, Australia lost 0-1 to the host country, Syria, in minus-four-degree cold, after having beaten New Zealand 3-0 and drawn 1-1 with Qatar.

It was only 24 hours after his World Cup disappointment that Arok nominated Markovski as the powerhouse of the new Olympic team. He also mentioned strikers Zlatko Arambasic (Blacktown) and Zoran Ilic (St George), sweeper Steve Horvat (Melbourne Croatia) and midfielder George Slifkas (Makedonia) who were all with Markovski in Syria.

For Markovski, it is part of a logical progression. When with Ardeer High School he won two Victorian championships. With the state under 14, 15 and youth teams he won four national titles.

He is a former Victorian Junior Player of the Year and won the Victorian youth league with George Cross. He has played in two world championship series and represented Victoria at senior level when he was only 17.

Arok wants still more from him. "He has tremendous strength and an incredible shot," Arok said. "His passes have amazing reach. I've seen him change the point of attack with an accurate crossfield ball over 60 metres. Now he has to grow into the role of being a leading figure. He no longer is a kid who can get away with things. He will be called upon to provide leadership and set an example. We will see if he's got that quality."

Arok wants Markovski to work harder to help his team win back the ball after it has been lost. "A young player who is continually highlighted as being exceptional, a player who lives with fame from a very young age, sometimes develops bad habits, but I see Markovski starting to work harder now and I will make him do even more."

Said Markovski: "I'm running all the time, except when I have to get my breath back. As the attacking midfielder on the left, I have to push up to create the extra man and so when we lose the ball, it's hard to get back in a hurry to where the action is."

As a junior, tactical considerations were irrelevant. Opponents got out of the way when they saw big John thundering towards them. His shots could put you in hospital. He would score five or six a match, sometimes 10. His biggest haul was 15 in a 28-0 victory.

Now he terrorises goalkeepers in the National League, shooting from any distance, any angle, with awesome power. You had to sympathise with Zoran Nikitovic, of Melbourne JUST, when the wrath of fans and club officials came down on him after a 30-metre Markovski thunderbolt flashed past him a few weeks ago.

PLAYER'S PROFILE

NAME: George Jolevski
DATE OF BIRTH: 26th March, 1969
MARITAL STATUS: Single, but looking
CAR: Ford Telstar 84 model
PREVIOUS CLUBS: Lalor Juniors, Preston Juniors, (Fawkner Seniors, State League)
OCCUPATION: Sales Clerk
SCHOOL: Lalor High, Greenwood High
FAVOURITE MUSIC: All sorts, variety especially Rolling Stones
FAVOURITE FOOD & DRINK: Mum's cooking, mineral water with lemon
BEST COUNTRY VISITED: China, The Greatwall, incredable
BIGGEST INFLUENCES ON SOCCER CAREER: Father especially, family, Alan Alexander, Tim White, all my coaches
PERSONAL AMBITIONS: To do best as possible at senior level and then live a happy life with my family.
WHAT DON'T YOU LIKE ABOUT SOCCER: Just one thing. Players who tackle other players for no reason.
REPRESENTATIVE HONOURS: Vic. State Teams under 13, 14, 15, 16, 18 Australian under 15 to New Zealand, Aust. under 16 to China, Aust. under 19 to New Zealand School Boys
PLAYER THAT HAS IMPRESSED YOU THE MOST THIS SEASON: Michael Branov, Robert Momirovski, Zlatko Nastevski.
BEST ADVICE RECEIVED: Keep on going and never give up to anyone.
WORST EVER INJURY: Strain Ligaments in the knee
FAVOURITE AUSTRALIAN PLAYERS: Paul Trimboli, Zlatko Nastevski, Zarko Odjakov.
FAVOURITE OVERSEAS PLAYERS: Rud Guillit, Yugo Shanez, Alan Hansen
FAVOURITE AUSTRALIAN TEAMS: St. George, Marconi
FAVOURITE OVERSEAS TEAMS: Liverpool, Real Madrid
BEST GOAL SCORED: The one's I have scored so far.
BEST GOAL EVER SEEN: Charlie Yankos against Argentina and now Charlie Yankos against Israel.
MOST MEMORABLE MATCH: Against Argentina, West Germany in China World Cup. I suppose all of them, you gain something from all.
FAVOURITE OTHER SPORTS: Tennis, Bowling (ten pin), Cricket

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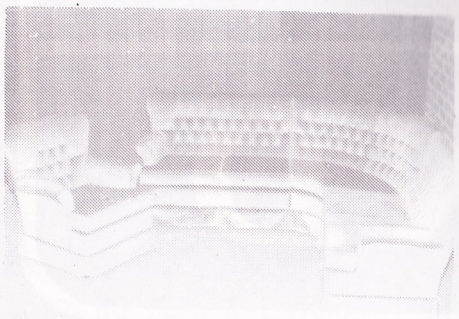

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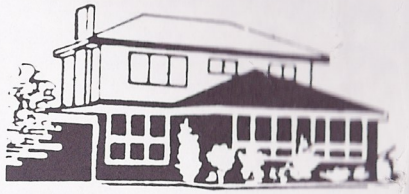

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MAKEDONIA	7	5	2	19	12	19
ST. GEORGE	7	4	2	16	10	18
MELBOURNE CROATIA	6	3	5	24	20	15
SYDNEY CROATIA	5	4	3	9	7	14
SYDNEY OLYMPIC	4	5	5	15	14	13
APIA-L'HARDT	4	5	3	14	15	13
ADELAIDE CITY	4	5	6	14	16	13
WOLLONGONG	5	2	7	15	19	12
SOUTH MELBOURNE	4	3	5	17	13	11
S. GEORGE CROSS	4	3	7	11	14	11
MELBOURNE CITY	4	3	7	14	18	11
BLACKTOWN CITY	3	3	5	12	24	9
HEIDELBERG	3	2	10	12	32	8

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

St. GEORGE - MARCONI 2-0
MARCONI - SOUTH MELBOURNE 0-0
MELBOURNE CITY - BLACKTOWN CITY 2-0
HEIDELBERG - APIA-LEICHHARDT 1-1
SYDNEY OLYMPIC - SYDNEY CROATIA 1-0
MELBOURNE CROATIA - ST. GEORGE 2-1
ADELAIDE CITY - S. GEORGE CROSS 2-0
MAKEDONIA - WOLLONGONG 3-2

THIS WEEK'S FIXTURES

BLACKTOWN CITY vs MELBOURNE CROATIA
APIA-LEICHHARDT vs MELBOURNE CITY
HEIDELBERG vs MARCONI
ST. GEORGE vs SYDNEY OLYMPIC
SYDNEY CROATIA vs WOLLONGONG
MAKEDONIA vs ADELAIDE CITY
S. GEORGE CROSS vs SOUTH MELBOURNE

NEXT WEEK'S FIXTURES

MELBOURNE CROATIA vs APIA-LEICHHARDT
MELBOURNE CITY vs HEIDELBERG
SOUTH MELBOURNE vs MAKEDONIA
SYDNEY OLYMPIC vs BLACKTOWN CITY
WOLLONGONG vs ST. GEORGE
ADELAIDE CITY vs SYDNEY CROATIA
MARCONI vs S. GEORGE CROSS